

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-5, 7-11, and 39-41, are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 12-38 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

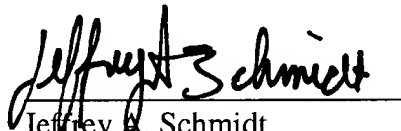
Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-5, 7-11, and 39-41, are allowable. By this Amendment, applicants have canceled claims 12-38 which are directed to a non-elected invention, but reserve the right to pursue these claims in a divisional application.

**Conclusion**

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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